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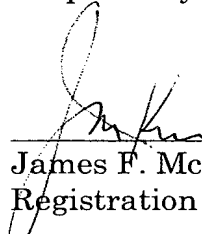
Responsive to the requirement in the Office Action, a Letter re Consent of Assignee is submitted herewith. Accordingly, favorable action and early allowance are earnestly solicited

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080310.40901CO).

Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER RE CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE

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Sir:

Under the laws of Lichtenstein, the undersigned have authorization to act and sign on behalf of the Assignee of the above-identified application, Unaxis Balzers Aktiengesellschaft.

Respectfully submitted,

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